

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RELIABLY STORING DATA AND  
PROVIDING EFFICIENT INCREMENTAL BACKUP AND ASYNCHRONOUS  
MIRRORING BY PREFERENTIALLY HANDLING NEW DATA

**AMENDMENT**

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